

REMARKS

Claims 16-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants have mooted the rejection of claims 16 and 17 by amending the claims to depend from claims 18 and 20, respectively. Applicants have mooted the rejection of claims 18 and 20 by amending the claims to recite only a single version information value. Claims 16-18 and 20 are therefore allowable.

Claims 1, 8, 16, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Miyamoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,701,402) in view of Ueno (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,812). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite storing, “second destination information, comprising a destination code, not to be used to control the printing operation by the control system of the main body of the image forming device.” The Examiner has conceded that Miyamoto does not disclose storing any second destination information, and Ueno also fails disclose or suggest the feature quoted above. The Examiner asserts that Ueno discloses storing a manufacturing date in EEPROM 5 of cartridge 4, but does not assert that that is “second destination information, comprising a destination code.” Furthermore, Ueno does not disclose or suggest that any destination information is stored in the EEPROM 5. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over the combination of Miyamoto and Ueno.

Applicants have amended claim 8 to recite substantially similar features to those discussed with regard to claim 1. Accordingly, claim 8 is allowable for at least the above stated reasons. Claims 16, 17 and 19 depend from allowable claims and are therefore allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

Claims 2-7 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Miyamoto and Ueno in view of Hirst (U.S. Patent No. 5,930,553). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Hirst, which has been cited by the Examiner as disclosing a second destination information comprising a lot number, does not disclose or suggest a second destination information comprising a

destination code as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Hirst fails to overcome the deficiencies of Miyamoto and Ueno discussed above. Consequently, claims 2-7 and 9-11, which depend from allowable claims, are allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Miyamoto, Ueno and Hirst in further view of applicants' admitted prior art (hereinafter, "AAPA"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

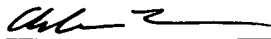
The Examiner has cited AAPA as disclosing a first destination information comprising shipment information. AAPA does not disclose or suggest "second destination information, comprising a destination code," nor has the Examiner cited it as doing so. Therefore, AAPA fails to overcome the deficiencies of Miyamoto, Ueno and Hirst discussed above. Accordingly, claim 12, which has been amended in a manner substantially similar to claim 1, is allowable. Claims 13-17, which depend from allowable claims, are allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

Applicants solicit an early action allowing the claims.

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